### World Swing Dance Council

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### **Registry Events**

#### July–September 2017

- FT LAUDERDALE SWING & SHAG BEACH BASH July 6 - July 9, 2017
- BIG APPLE COUNTRY DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS July 6 - July 9, 2017
- WILD WILD WESTIE July 6 - July 9, 2017
- GPSDC ANNUAL JULY 4TH CONVENTION July 6 - July 9, 2017
- INDY DANCE EXPLOSION July 6 - July 9, 2017
- **PORTLAND DANCE FESTIVAL** July 6 - July 9, 2017
- SAN PAULO SWING DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS On Hiatus
- Forida Dance Magic July 13-17, 2017
- TORONTO OPEN SWING/ HUSTLE CHAMPIONSHIPS July 13-16, 2017
- New Orleans Dance Mardi Gras July 20-23, 2017
- ROCK THE BARN July 20-23, 2017
- SACRAMENTO ALL SWING July 20-23, 2017
- SWING IT LIKE IT'S HOT July 20-23, 2017
- PALM SPRINGS SUMMER DANCE CAMP CLASSIC July 27-30, 2017
- SWINGTIME IN THE ROCKIES (NASDE) July 27-30, 2017
- ARIZONA DANCE CLASSIC July 27-30, 2017
- SEA SUN & SWING CAMP July 28—August 6, 2017

# Quarterly

## Newsletter

### New Registry Events

We would like to welcome the following new Registry Events that have been approved during the 2nd quarter of 2017:

Florida Wesite Fest in Tampa, Florida; November 3-5, 2017 Municorn Swing in Munich, Germany; January 26-28, 2018 Westy Nantes in Nantes, Germany; January 13-15, 2018 King Swing in Krakow, Poland; March 22-26, 2018

### TIER POINT SYSTEM

The board is reviewing the Tier Point System and is considering adding additional tiers to provide for the growth seen in our competitions



and to compensate points fairly based on the size and number of qualifying rounds.

We are still analyzing data but expect be able to present information at the end of the summer which would become effective January 1, 2018.

### ALL STARS CLARIFICATION

We have received a lot of feedback regarding what our All Star division should be. All Star is intended to be an extremely competitive, constantly evolving and changing skill level, requiring consistent placements. We are reviewing competition data, analyzing the many factors and concerns related to this division. We plan to have clarification/decisions rolled out when we present the new Tier Point System later this Summer with any changes becoming effective January 1, 2018.

### Safe Social Dancing Guidelines

We believe that the world of dance and swing is a very welcoming and socially supportive environment and that instances of inappropriate behavior are rare. We all have a responsibility to build safety into events, and to contribute to the well-being of the dance community.

The nature of dance brings us close with many people from all over the world. If you are a parent, guardian, friend, confidant, or loved one of someone who is or has suffered an ordeal and may be going through a difficult time and needs assistance, it can be challenging to know how, exactly, to go about helping and proactively protect one another.

### The first step for everyone is, if you see something, say something.

If during an event someone is feeling threatened, intimidated or pressured by someone in or around the dance venue, we suggest the following steps.

- A. Immediately contact and stay close to a friend or loved one.
- B. Contact the event promoter or any staff member.
- C. Contact the hotel or venue staff or security.
- D. Contact the local authorities.

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### Safe Social Dancing Guidelines (continued from page 1)

If something has or may have happened to you, you need to know that it is not your fault. Friends and acquaintances can provide much assistance and guidance, but professional help or assistance should be sought in all circumstances

#### For Individuals, friends and family.

If you are someone or care for someone who is experiencing distress and needs support and assistance beyond what you can provide, the tips and resources below can guide you to finding the right kind of additional help.

RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) is the United States largest anti-sexual violence organization. www.rainn.org

Suicide Prevention Lifeline www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org

#### For event organizers, we suggest these resources and examples.

Creating a Code of Ethics for Your Organization www.ethicsweb.ca/codes/ An Excellent Code of Conduct by Dance Jam Productions www.dancejamproductions.com/ codeofconduct.pdf

Prevention Institute focuses on prevention strategies and solutions. www.preventioninstitute.org Steps Code—Safety, Trust, Engagement, Prevention, Support www.safetyinswingdance.com/ stepscode/

Presently the World Swing Dance Council promotes dance in over thirty countries and supports and encourages a safe dance environment for all.

Although it is difficult to list all resources worldwide we would appreciate and consider links to reputable support organizations. info@.worldsdc.com

### Next General Membership Meeting

Our next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for November 2017 at the US Open and is open to all. You do not need to be a member to attend! We hope to have a mid year meeting somewhere on the East Coast in 2018.

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- **BAVARIAN OPEN WCS** September 7-10, 2017
- UPSTATE DANCE CHALLENGE BRIDGETOWN SWING September 7-10, 2017
- NORWAY WESTIE FEST September 14-17, 2017
- BEST OF THE BEST September 14-17 , 2017

- General Questions email: info@worldsdc.com Registry Points Issues email: points-questions@worldsdc.com WSDC Membership email: <u>membership@worldsdc.com</u> Surcharge and Payments email: <u>treasurer@,worldsdc.com</u>
- ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIVE DANCE (RM5) September 15-17, 2017
- September 21-24, 2017
- MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS SWING **DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS** September 21-24, 2017
- CITADEL SWING September 22-24 , 2017

- PHILLY SWING CLASSIC September 22-24 , 2017
- ATLANTA SWING CLASSIC Sept 28-Oct 1, 2017
- MIDLAND SWING OPEN Sept 29-Oct 3, 2017
- OLD TOWN SWING Sept 28-Oct 2, 2017

#### **Upcoming Registry Events**

- New England Dance **FESTIVAL** August 3-6, 2017
- MIDWEST WESTIE FEST August 3-6 2017
- TAMPA BAY CLASSIC (NASDE) August 3-6 2017
- SWINGTACULAR: THE **GALACTIC OPEN** August 4-6 2017
- SWING FLING August 10-13 2017
- RIGA SUMMER SWING August 10-14 2017
- SWEDISH SWING SUMMER CAMP August 18-20 2017
- SUMMER HUMMER (NASDE) August 10-13 2017
- RIVER CITY SWING Aug 31—Sept 3, 2017
- DESERT CITY SWING Aug 31—Sept 4, 2017
- SOUTH BAY DANCE FLING Aug 31—Sept 4, 2017
- DALLAS D.A.N.C.E. September 1-3, 2017
- SUNNY SIDE DANCE Самр **On Hiatus**
- TRILOGY SWING September 7-10, 2017

